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TWO CENTS.

Weather.

Rain tonight and Friday.  
High northeasterly winds.

## SHERIFF FIGHTS MOB

Negro Lynched in Pensacola After Determined Battle.

TWO KILLED; MANY HURT

Victim Riddled by 2,000 Bullets in Public Park.

COMBAT LASTS FOR HOURS

One Thousand Men Finally Overpowered Officer's Force and Get Into the Jail.

PENSACOLA, Fla., July 30.—Two men killed and nine wounded, some of them fatally, is the record of the clash last night between a mob bent upon lynching Leander Shaw, a negro, and the sheriff and his forces, in which the mob finally overpowered the authorities. The lynching was carried out in the most prominent park of this city.

Shaw yesterday assaulted Mrs. Lillian Davis, a highly respected lady, near this city, during the absence of her husband, and after cutting her throat almost from ear to ear, clubbed her over the head with a revolver which he had taken from the house.

During the afternoon, when it became known that the negro had been arrested, crowds began forming upon the streets, and early in the night they were reinforced by large numbers of men from the country. The mob formed about 8 o'clock last night and made an attack on the jail, where the negro was confined. The jail gate was broken down by the mob and the sheriff and his deputies opened fire.

Three men dropped from the first volley of the sheriff's fire. Volley after volley was then fired by the mob and the sheriff's force, but the mob was repulsed.

About midnight another attack was made, the mob having increased to 1,000 determined men. The second attack was successful, for the reason that it was made upon all sides of the jail. One party forced its way through the rear, overpowered the officers and secured the trembling negro.

Riddled With 2,000 Bullets.

A noose was slipped about his neck, and after being dragged for two blocks he was strung up to an electric light pole in the center of the park, where fully 2,000 bullets completely riddled his body.

The dead are:

Henry C. Kellum, street car motorman.

"Bird" Nichols, a planter.

Charlie Turner, shot in abdomen, probably fatally.

J. H. Eaton, shot in head, probably fatally.

A. N. Knowles, shot in side, probably fatally.

Sheriff James C. Van Pelt, shot in right arm.

John Van Pelt, a brother, shot in side, head and hand.

Fred Humphrey, shot in leg.

E. P. Brownson, shot through ear.

W. P. Bayless, shot in arm.

Probably a dozen or more others were slightly wounded.

Sheriff Regrets Killing.

Sheriff Van Pelt, in an interview shortly after the lynching, said:

"While I regret the death of the two men and the wounding of many others, I have done nothing except to do my duty as called upon to do when I took the oath of office. I pleaded with the mob for more than an hour and told them what would be the consequence if they attacked the jail. I was in duty bound to protect the negro and proposed to do so."

"They would not have gotten him but for the fact that I and my forces were with him. The mob climbed the rear wall and overpowered us."

The body of Shaw was cut down this morning by order of the court.

Mrs. William Davis, whose throat was cut by the negro, is still alive, but it is said she cannot recover. The baby, who was struck by the negro at the time he tried to kill the mother, it is said, will recover.

SHOTS FROM NOWHERE.

Police Trying to Solve Mystery Near Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, July 30.—Charles Hawks, sixteen-year-old warlike boy, an unknown person late yesterday as the steamer Island Queen was going up the river near the same place whence the shots were fired that struck Mrs. Russell while aboard that steamer on Taft notification night.

Hawks, with a number of other boys, was swimming at the foot of Whittaker when the Island Queen passed.

Suddenly the youth sank below the surface of the water. His associates, who had seen him go under, hurried to his assistance and carried him to the shore.

There was found a number of small birdshot were imbedded in his face. He was hurried to the City Hospital, where some of the shot were removed.

The police foreman, but could not find any one who had heard a shot fired. They are puzzled over the shooting of the boy and Mrs. Russell, and believe that an irresponsible person along the river is doing the shooting. They are making efforts to solve both mysteries.

GEN. WRIGHT'S SON HURT.

Leg Broken in Fight in Memphis Alley.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 30.—Semmes Wright, youngest son of Gen. Luke E. Wright, is in a hospital with a broken leg, sustained in a fight with an unidentified man in a narrow alleyway last night.

The fight began when the men bumped into each other in the narrow alleyway. Wright fell to the pavement with his leg doubled up and his opponent on top. Wright's opponent escaped.

Sands' Body in Paris.

PARIS, July 30.—The body of G. Winthrop Sands, the stepson of W. K. Vanderbilt, who was killed in an automobile accident at Poles yesterday, was brought into Paris. The funeral service will be held Saturday in the American church, after which the body will be placed in a vault pending removal to America.

Evidence of Murder.

DENVER, Col., July 30.—The body of an unknown woman, about thirty-five years old, well dressed and wearing some jewelry, was found floating in the city park lake this morning by F. C. Heckman, who was boating. There was an arrow on the forehead. The coroner believes the woman was murdered.

## STATE TICKET IN DOUBT

Parties in Indiana Divided on the Liquor Question.

LIKE THE OHIO SITUATION

Republicans Fighting for Local County Option.

STRUGGLE FOR LEGISLATURE

Candidates for Governor Strong, Resourceful Men With Clean Records—Taft Very Strong.

Special From a Staff Correspondent.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 30.—It is the opinion of some well posted political observers in this section that if the elections were to be held tomorrow Indiana would go democratic on the state ticket.

The men who express this belief add that they think it will be possible for the republicans to change the situation between now and election and bring victory out of what seems at present the possibility of defeat.

The republican national ticket is not regarded as in such straits. In this state Mr. Taft is stronger than his party, while Mr. Bryan is weaker than his party.

The gloomy outlook for the republicans applies only to the state ticket, and for reasons purely local.

Representative James E. Watson is the republican candidate for governor, and Mr. Thomas R. Marshall is running for the legislature.

Both are strong, resourceful men, good campaigners, with clean personal records. Mr. Watson is manfully backing the republican platform on the liquor question.

He is likely to be drawn into the contest, and to the support of the democrats. The democrats have ample headquarters here, where in past years they have been decidedly hard up.

It is said that the brewers and the liquor men are not confident of carrying both branches of the legislature, since there are republican hold-over republicans and only seven hold-over democrats.

They can carry the lower branch of the legislature, and the democrats are determined to prevent the enactment of the laws which threaten their business.

The state and national tickets are on the same basis. It is a question as to whether the democratic state ticket will drag down Bryan or whether Taft will lift the republican state ticket.

The democrats are united on the liquor question. In 1886, and all those who went out with Parker and Buckner in that year are now inclined to a disposition to loyally support Bryan.

Effect of Kern's Nomination.

The first question you probably will ask is, "Has the nomination of John W. Kern for the vice presidency brought great additional strength to the democratic ticket?" My information is that it has not.

Mr. Kern is regarded as a wheel-horse of democracy in Indiana, but he has never been unusually magnetic or strong in his own state. The selection of an Indiana man may help in other states, but it is doubtful if it will make much difference at home.

Mr. Kern's nomination is declared to have been the work of Mr. Thomas Taggart, who saw in Mr. Kern an obstacle to his coming to the state ticket. A landslide should give the democrats the legislature. Mr. Kern's association with Mr. Taggart will not help him, it is said, with the present of citizenship opposed to Mr. Taggart.

"Will the resentment of republicans against the treatment accorded Vice President Fairbank be manifested in the polls?" My information also answers that question in the negative. There is no doubt that right after the Chicago convention there was much bitterness among republicans here, and there were some ugly mutterings; but that feeling is wearing off and it is confidently predicted that it will have disappeared entirely by election day.

There is practical reason why it should be dispelled. The machine to be run in the coming election is the Bryan machine, bound up in Mr. Watson's candidacy, and in the carrying of the legislature. Senator Watson is a man of high character and his friends are under the necessity of working for the state ticket in its entirety. If they devoted much time to lecturing, they would have long chances to cut the head of the national ticket.

No Radicalism in Indiana.

There is no question that the republicans are pretty badly scared over the outlook in Indiana, and they are reaching out hands for mutual support. In this state there is no radicalism, such as is found in Iowa, in Wisconsin and other states far west. There is a pronounced wave of sentiment about anything in particular; it's just politics.

The republicans took up the liquor question because it looked good to them as a winning issue. Now they wish they had not. They are finding they got the hot end of the poker and would like to drop it, but are ashamed to do so. There is no great furor over the Roosevelt policies in Indiana. He is popular enough, but the republicans are not obsessed by Rooseveltism as are the people in some of the states to the westward. They would rather have Mr. Taft for what he is personally than for his allegiance to another.

So it is with mostly plain politics out here, the idea trying to stay in and the out to get west. Bryan has created little enthusiasm among the democrats, but the possibility of winning a fight is creating enthusiasm among them of a genuine character.

There is disaffection among the republican labor men. The negro vote is wavering at this time, but the republicans are counting on the same old theory prevailing elsewhere, that on the last day the negro will vote the republican ticket because he is not and never has been a genuine character.

Mr. Wilson was to have addressed a gathering of negroes today, following a parade, but when he got to the place fixed for the meeting there were not enough there to hold a meeting.

The democrats are in high spirits over the things that are perplexing their opponents. They are very confident of victory and are talking mighty big. They don't give a rap about the moral issue in the liquor question, of which the republicans are so much in the wrong, and they don't care very much how or whence they are obtained.

N. O. M.

TO BEAUTIFY STATION PLAZA

PLANS ALL READY AND WORK TO GO ON AT ONCE.

Hope to Complete Decorations by March 4 Not Likely to Be Fulfilled.

Work on the beautification and improvement of the plaza in front of the new Union station as provided for by act of Congress is to be commenced immediately.

Playing fountains, ornamental lamp-posts and other decorations dear to the architect's eye are to be placed. Congress appropriated \$100,000 for this purpose and the Washington Terminal Company has added \$50,000 to the amount.

Those interested in the work are of opinion that something of rare artistic beauty and richness will be produced.

In connection with this work the Commissioners today designated D. H. Burnham & Co. of Chicago, architects of the new Union station, to make the detailed plans and supervise the construction.

Pierce Anderson of the Burnham firm conferred with Maj. J. Jay Morrow, Engineer Commissioner, in the latter's office today.

He said the plans have been under consideration for some time, and but for a few minor changes are ready to carry into effect. He informed the Commissioners that specifications will be prepared in a few days and the actual work of construction will not be delayed.

Maj. Morrow said today that the Commissioners hope the work will be completed by March next, and be in readiness for the inauguration of the president, but this accomplishment is considered improbable. Considerable has to be done and it is feared the inauguration date is too near at hand.

It was pointed out that had Congress provided the street car lines to the station in the first place instead of causing such a delay, the beautification work on the plaza could have been completed in ample time for March 4.

Tired of Being "Fooled With."

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 30.—News has just reached here of the death by his own hand of Allen Reid, manager for the Anchor Investment Company of Winnipeg, at Massett, Graham Island, of the Charlotte group. Reid shot himself. He left a letter, in which he told the company to "get another man to fool with" in his place.

The coroner's jury severely censured the company for sending a man to such a lonely place and "then neglecting to properly provide for him."

Mrs. E. M. H. Merrill Dead.

BOSTON, July 30.—Mrs. Estella M. H. Merrill, formerly widely known as a newspaper writer under the name "Jean Kincaid," and prominent also as a clubwoman, died at her home in North Cambridge yesterday. Mrs. Merrill founded the New England Woman's Press Association, of which she also served as president. She was recently elected president of the Wheaton Alumnae. Mrs. Merrill devoted much time to lecturing. Her husband, Samuel M. Merrill, and two sons survive her.

Will Not Sell Battleships.

RIO JANEIRO, July 30.—Instructions have been forwarded to the Brazilian legation in London to declare again that not one of the three battleships of the Dreadnought type now being constructed for Brazil in England is for sale.

David B. Will Take Water.

WIESBADEN, July 30.—David B. Hill of New York has arrived in this city, where he will take the waters.



READY FOR THE RACE.

## YOUNG TURKS CONTROL

Disloyalty to Sultan Everywhere But in Capital.

NAME HOOTED IN SERES

Christians Fear Sincerity of Promises of Reformers.

MELHAMED FAMILY HATED

Escape of Minister of Mines Causes Resentment Toward Italian Embassy, Accused of Aiding Him.

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 30.—Although the demonstrations in the streets of Constantinople over the granting of a constitution have practically ceased, there are signs of much dissatisfaction among the public at the delay in the reconstruction of the ministry by the introduction of liberal elements.

Scenes of the wildest description continue in the cafes, where officers and civilians embrace each other and express their delight at the ending of the tyrannical regime.

The situation still lacks clearness. It is impossible at present to forecast the next development with any degree of certainty.

The Young Turks are masters of Constantinople and the European provinces. Except in the capital the feeling is anything but favorable to the sultan. Even in Constantinople disloyalty cries were heard during the recent demonstrations.

Sultan's Name Hooted.

At a banquet given in Seres to celebrate the re-establishment of the constitution the name of the sultan was hooted. Christians at this place are beginning to entertain misgivings as to the sincerity of the professions of the young Turks.

Hardly any news has been received from the Asiatic provinces, and this is regarded as disquieting. The rail and the military detail at Smyrna have been dismissed by the young Turks owing to their hostile attitude toward the constitution.

A young Turkey uprising in favor of the restoration of the constitution had been planned for September 1, the anniversary of the sultan's accession to the throne. The meeting at Reval between King Edward and the Emperor today has, and the imminence of the Anglo-Russian reform proposals precipitated matters and forced the young Turks to take action before the date of the constitutional party being to forestall these proposals and render them superfluous.

Movement Well Organized.

Everybody has been greatly impressed with the perfect organization of the movement and the absolute discipline in all ranks. The directing hand of the movement is still unknown.

An incident in the popular manifestation of last Sunday, which is no longer an escaped notice, is the fact that the military college was surrounded by troops in order to prevent the students from leaving that institution. The people manifested their resentment at this precaution, whereupon the troops were withdrawn and the students moved about freely.

The only incident of today has been a noisy demonstration of artillery officers and soldiers at the porte, where the men gathered together apparently clamoring that the date of the constitution had been delayed.

Two hundred army officers have arrived at Adrianople from Saloniki to replace the incapable and doubtful officers of the 24 Army Corps.

Italy Is Blamed.

It has become known that Selim Melhamed Pasha, minister of mines, was assisted in getting out of the country by the good offices of the Italian embassy. This fact has produced a bad impression among liberal Turks.

Italians explain that the embassy was not aware that Selim Pasha meditated flight. He requested the use of the embassy launch to embark his son, Nihad, who was going to Rome to take up the post of first secretary in the Ottoman embassy, and made use of the boat to get away himself. They say further, that had Selim Pasha applied for the protection of the Italian flag on the ground that his life was in danger he could not have been refused.

The whole Melhamed family is exceedingly unpopular, especially Tedjib, who has not been seen for several days. The constitutional party is anxious to call them to account for many alleged reprehensible deeds in the enriching of themselves.

Some of the foreign ambassadors are blamed for the protection and friendship extended to the Melhameds, without which, it is argued, they never could have attained the position and influence they did. Two of Selim Pasha's daughters married German officers, while a third is the wife of an Italian officer.

No further news has been received of the fact that the Italian minister, Melhamed, was arrested by some young Turkey officers at Mustapha Pasha. According to advice from Saloniki, Iskender Melhamed was condemned to death by the young Turkey committee, but this sentence subsequently was suspended.

ORDERED TO THE CARIBBEAN

DUTCH BATTLESHIP WILL LEAVE WITHOUT DELAY.

No Intention of Sending an Imposing Fleet—Willemstad Merchants Reject Venezuelan Sugar.

THE HAGUE, July 30.—Orders have been issued that the battleship Jacob Van Heemskerck be made ready to sail for the Caribbean sea, and it is expected that she will start without delay.

It is explained officially that this battleship is the only reinforcement the government at present contemplates sending to the West Indies. There never has been any question of dispatching an imposing fleet, as has been reported.

Object of the Order.

It is said that the main object of sending the Jacob Van Heemskerck to the Caribbean sea is to have a second ship handy in case, for any reason, the cruiser Gelderland, which at present is in Venezuelan waters, should not be available at the moment wanted. The Gelderland is at present the only Dutch vessel in the West Indies.

The Jacob Van Heemskerck is one of the two biggest battleships belonging to Holland. She has a displacement of 5,130 tons and can steam 16 knots. Her armament consists of two 8.4-inch and six 5.9-inch guns, six 12-pounder quick-firers, etc., and two torpedo tubes.

The Gelderland was ordered to Venezuela waters from Curacao for the protection of Dutch interests as soon as she returned from La Guayra with Minister de Reus.

Bitterness Against Venezuela.

The bitterness of the feeling at Willemstad, Curacao, against Venezuela is evidenced in a dispatch from the governor of Curacao, received today, which announces that a vessel chartered by President Capriles brother, and laden with sugar, which arrived at Willemstad yesterday, was obliged to leave that port without disposing of its cargo. The merchants whose trade has been injured by President Capriles' interests as soon as the transshipment of merchandise at Willemstad refused absolutely to purchase the sugar in question.

Off for Medical Congress.

NEW ORLEANS, July 30.—Several American physicians will sail from here today on the steamer Preston for Guatemala, where they will attend the Pan-American medical congress in Guatemala City beginning August 15. Tropical fevers will be one of the topics of discussion. Among those sailing were Dr. G. M. Guiteras, United States public health and marine hospital service; Dr. Samuel Sherwell of Brooklyn, Dr. T. Winslow of Baltimore, Dr. Garcia Leos of New York and Dr. W. F. Shuttles of Dallas, Tex.

Clergyman's Body Arrives.

NEW YORK, July 30.—The body of the Rev. H. F. Fisher of Norristown, Pa., who died recently abroad, arrived here today on the Teutonic.

## TAR SUIT FOR SUITOR

Bliss Calls to See Fiance and Gets Rough Treatment.

GIRL GIVES BACK HIS RING

Sends Him in Basement, Where Three Men Seize Him.

REVOLVER POINTED AT HIM

Despite Resistance, Is Dabbed With Sticky Stuff From Head to Foot.

Then Freed to Seek Doctor.

"I was to have been married in New York, and had given the lady a ring. Last night when I went to the house she asked me to enter through the basement door. This was something unusual."

"After she had returned the ring the three men grabbed me, dragged me into the house, tied my hands—one of them pointing a revolver at me—and then applied the tar."

This was his epitomization of an unexpected climax to his love affairs told last night by F. E. Bliss, Jr., of Washington, to the doctor to whom he applied to strip him of a coat of tar which extended from his head to his heels.

Bliss is a member of the firm of Bliss, Albert & Co., paper rulers, with offices in the Hitchens building, 10th and D streets northwest.

The young man had his uncomfortable experience last night between 9 and 10 o'clock at 1317 Kenyon street, the home of the woman who, he stated, was to have become his wife. He was awed into submission, he declared, by the revolver.

Following the indignity Bliss went to the office of Dr. Abraham D. Blittz and had the tar removed.

Detective Phillips and Precinct Detective Smith saw the man before Dr. Butz had relieved him of the tar.

Warrants Sworn Out.

No action was taken until today. Then Bliss swore out a warrant for his alleged assailants, giving their names as Charles Martinson, Henry C. Cole and James L. White. He made no effort to implicate the woman in the proceedings.

Bliss was taken to the police station and dragged from the front basement door to the room in which he was given the coat of tar. He made a desperate resistance, but he had been told that if he did not cause no excitement in the vicinity of the Kenyon street house. It was dark when the young man emerged from the house and started in the direction of Capitol Hill.

The first known of the affair by the police was when the lady was seated on East Capitol street about 10 o'clock looking for a physician. His face was covered with tar. His appearance frightened several ladies who were seated before their homes on East Capitol street when he appeared there in a runabout.

Bliss was there to find Dr. Richard Kingsman, his family physician. As that doctor was out of the city he went to the house of Dr. Edwin Lothrop, 705 East Capitol street.

"Is the doctor in?" he called from his runabout to Mrs. Lothrop and friends, who were seated in front of the house.

To the physician who was not at home, Bliss asked where he could find another physician.

Mrs. Lothrop thought it strange that the man who was supposed to be a nurse, had not left his runabout and come to the door. One of her friends suggested probably his horse would not stand. The wife and the physicians walked to the curb. It was not until she saw his hands that she realized he was a white man.

"I'm pretty badly done up," the man in the runabout told the doctor, "and I advise him to go to the office of Dr. A. D. Butz, 701 East Capitol street."

And of all the sights I ever saw," Dr. Butz said, "that was the worst."

Physician Removes Tar.

As soon as the young man told the physician what had happened to him the latter invited him in, taking him to the bathroom on the upper floor, realizing he had a difficult job ahead of him. The physician assisted Bliss to remove his clothing, and soon saw that the coating of tar was from his head to his feet.

"You've got to get that tar out of you," was the physician's query.

It seemed rather ludicrous to the physician, but Mr. Bliss did not appreciate the fact that he was the victim of practical jokes. He was suffering from his experience at the Kenyon street house, and was not in any humor to look lightly upon the matter.

"His wrists showed where the rope had done the damage, and the skin was severely inflamed."

Bliss told his history to the physician, and further explained that after the tar had been applied the rope was removed from his wrists and he was permitted to leave the house. From there he drove all the way to Capitol Hill to find Dr. Kingsman, realizing his condition was possibly dangerous and that he would be unable to remove all the tar from his body.

His explanation having been made, the physician invited him to the bathroom and proceeded with the removal of the tar. He was unable to give the address of White, and for fully an hour the physician labored on the tarred man, finally saying good night to him, suggesting that a Turkish bath would be about the best thing for him. Where Mr. Bliss actually took the bath was not known.

The affair was the means of giving residents of East Capitol street something to talk about last night. Detective Phillips and Precinct Detective Smith, who live only a few doors from the house of Dr. Butz, learned of the affair and saw the patient.

Police Call on Bliss.

Bliss made no effort to conceal his identity, writing his name and business address on a sheet of paper and giving it to the physician and police. Inspector Boardman was told of the affair this morning, and he detailed Detectives Pratt and Howlett to make an investigation.

They called upon Mr. Bliss, and learned from him that he was the man who had had the terrible experience last night, that he had made no effort to conceal his identity and that he did not want to figure in a prosecution of the alleged offenders. He was advised that the affair had already been made public, and he thereupon decided he would take the case to court.

Mr. Bliss told the police that Martinson lives in the Kenyon street house, while Cole lives on the Quarry road. He was unable to give the address of White, and did not call at police headquarters this morning to make complaint against the trio. The detectives had to go to his office. When they reached his office he readily explained to them the circumstances under which he had received the treatment and afterward went with them to the Police Court and procured the warrant.

The police and others who saw the young man do not understand how it

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## "ALL INFAMOUS LIES,"

SAM GOMPERS CRIES

Denies That He's Pledged to Deliver Labor Vote.

RENEGADES AND OUTCASTS